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## Vote for New High School for Abilene

Some false reports in regard to registration have been circulated concerning the coming bond election. It has been stated that a person not voting at the recent primary could not vote at the coming bond election. This is incorrect. The attorney general has made a ruling that the only necessary qualification is that a person shall have voted at the last general state election. Anyone, therefore, who voted at the last state election, or since then, is a qualified voter.

### The Location

The board of education has asked the people of Abilene a straightforward, clean cut question: "Do you want a modern high school?" It has asked this question in the only right way to ask it. It has asked an educational question on a purely educational basis, the only way it ought ever to be asked. As it is, every voter who really believes in education will vote "Yes," and every voter who does not believe in it will vote "No." As it is, the issue is education only, and not real estate booming and personal advantage. The man who declares that he will vote against the bonds because the location has not been decided, is not thinking of the schools or of the needs of the community. He is not, as a good citizen ought, placing them first. He is thinking of his own personal gain and advantage. He is not willing to settle the main question first, and take his chances with his fellow townsmen on the matter of location. He has a predilection in his favor. When the community has once decided that it wants a modern high school, the question of location will become the next logical question. It will then be thrown open and everybody will have a hearing.

Harry C. Little—Why I would like to see our high school larger: We lost the Free Methodist college. It raised McPherson's population 500, was told to me by a fellow merchant. I believe if this high school were built we would increase our population from 300 to 500 the first year. No place will take a family as a town with schools. When we do this we should build a good one. If \$90,000 is not enough, make it \$150,000.

### LUTHERANS CALL PASTOR FROM OMAHA CHURCH

At a meeting held last night the Lutheran congregation voted unanimously to call Rev. Clarence N. Swihart of Omaha, Neb., to the pastorate here. Rev. Swihart is at present pastor of one of the large churches in Omaha and comes highly recommended. He delivered a sermon here last Wednesday night and the congregation was highly pleased with his talk. It is expected that Rev. Swihart will come here sometime in the near future. At the same meeting the congregation elected S. R. Cowan a trustee of the church, H. R. Kugler, deacon, and J. E. Roop, elder.

### SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL ATTEND STATE MEETING

At the school board meeting held last night it was voted to dismiss school on the 9th and 10th of November to allow the teachers to attend the state teachers' association meeting. The board also decided to grant credit for Bible study as asked for by the Ministerial Union under rules and provisions approved by Supt. Stacey.

### Marriage Licenses

The marriage license business took a boom today when Judge Tappen issued licenses to Charles Gray of Detroit and Nora Potts of Chapman; Lloyd Longan of Salina and Lucille Brewer of Kipp; and Vidal Flores and Jesucita Macial, both of Abilene. The second couple was married by Judge Tappen.

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C. S. Crawford—Proper mental development requires a sound and efficient physical body. The present facilities do not admit of a gymnasium suitable to the needs of the high school students. We have no proper facilities for manual training, which is quite as essential as mental development. The domestic science department also demands more room and better facilities, which cannot, under the present conditions, be provided. An enlightened and progressive community comes only by reason of an enlightened and progressive population. The coming generation cannot be progressive or enlightened unless it is given opportunity to be so. Physical, moral and mental development is the best asset anyone can have; hence, I am for furnishing the children and young people of the community the best facilities obtainable for their training. I'll vote for the bonds.

The following letter from the United States commissioner of education sets forth the opinion of the highest educational authority in the land concerning the wisdom of the attempt of the school administration of Abilene to reorganize the schools in accordance with the best methods and principles of the day. It is for this purpose that the board of education has asked the people to vote for the bonds on next Friday.

"Supt. W. A. Stacey, Abilene, Kansas—I am delighted to know that the people of Abilene contemplate the issuance of bonds for the erection of a new high school building, and that you plan to reorganize your school system on the basis of six years of elementary school and six years of high school. I am heartily in sympathy with the plan and believe very much will be gained by it. But the important thing is to get the reorganization on the basis of six and six. Under any condition the division between the junior and senior high school would not be so marked as to carry with it the suggestion of leaving school at the end of the junior high school years. I wish for you the very greatest possible success. Yours sincerely, P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education."

### LOSES BARN AND STOCK IN DISASTROUS FIRE

Last Monday afternoon the large barn of Albert Weber near Shady Brook, together with a cow shed, hog shed, four fine horses, one cow and calf and twenty-four hogs was burned. By hard work and the assistance of neighbors the granary and automobile were saved.

The barn was a large one. It was insured for \$500 but no insurance was on the other property. There is no known cause for the fire.—Hope Dispatch.

### Advertised Mail

For the week ending October 2: Miss Katie Abberton, Mrs. June Adams, J. G. Bricker, W. H. Clem, W. E. Clements, A. W. Davis, F. Dotts, J. H. Drake, Miss Lola Gallagher, Tom E. Keys, C. Kenne, Geo. Martian, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, D. D. Nuss, Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, Dr. F. Parker, Miss Lizzie Robertson, John A. Shephard, M. E. Ward, Mrs. Lottie Warminski.

MISS WOOSTER, REPUBLICAN Miss Lizzie Wooster, who made a fine race for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public instruction, has declined to run as an independent and offered her services to the Republican campaign. Over 11,000 names were signed to petitions for her as an independent candidate but she replied: "I am a Republican and always have been a Republican. I have lived in Kansas since I was 13 months old, it is my home and always shall be." Miss Wooster has shown good sense and a commendable loyalty and some day she will be nominated and elected.

## Republican Meetings



Gov. Arthur Capper

Oct. 14—Saturday, Gov. Arthur Capper will make a short address at Solomon at 2:00 p. m. and at Chapman at 4:30. He will speak at the court house, Abilene, at 3:15. These hours are subject to road conditions for motor travel.

### CLASS DISTINCTION KEEPS WOMEN OUT OF POLITICS

"The Democratic county Central committee has given up the idea of having an organization of women to work along with the men on the campaign in the country," said Henry Albach, chairman of the Democratic central committee, this morning. The members of the committee were unsuccessful in their attempts to get women to serve on the auxiliary organization.

"It seems that the distinction in classes among the women makes a political organization of women a difficult proposition. A high-salaried man will form a close acquaintance and work with a laboring man in politics but the wife of the same man will not take an interest in the wife of the working man to the extent that they will work together in a political campaign. The women do not take the interest in politics that they should; it appears as a lack of interest on their part to acquaint themselves with national issues."—Salina Union.

Republican meetings will be held in Dickinson County next week.

The county candidates will attend and other speakers given below will be there. Good music is arranged. Ladies are especially invited.

Oct. 9—Monday, Talmage, C. M. Harger.

Oct. 10—Tuesday, Upland, W. H. Myers, H. W. Avery.

Oct. 11—Wednesday, Manchester, W. H. Myers, H. W. Avery.

Oct. 12—Thursday, Navarre, Hon. D. E. Lamb.

Oct. 13—Friday, Cheever school house, W. H. Myers, H. W. Avery.

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH RALLY DAY A SUCCESS

The Rally Day at the Evangelical Sunday school yesterday was a pronounced success. Nearly all the regular scholars were present and in addition there were 56 visitors. Two weeks before the management of the Sunday school announced that the offering on Rally Day would go to the building fund for the new church and Sunday school rooms now being built at the corner of Fifth and Kuney streets. One week later the management announced that \$10 in prizes would be distributed among the various classes according to their attendance and offering on Rally Day. The King's Daughters, carried off \$9 in prizes out of a possible ten. They had thirty-two scholars present and an offering of \$155.60. The young men's class, the En Avants, had the largest class with thirty-three young men present. This is the largest young men's class in the city. The total offering in the Sunday school yesterday was \$288.78.

## Local Lumber Yard Robbed of \$60.00 Cash

Thieves entered the office of the Rice-Johns-Nicolay lumber yard last night and made off with between fifty and sixty dollars in cash. Entrance was made through a window, the glass of which was neatly cut and the cash lifted. The inner door of the safe, the combination of which was wrecked a year ago, was unlocked and the cash box taken out. Nothing but cash was taken, a number of checks being scattered about the floor. No explosive was used and not a mark could be found on the safe that would offer a clue to the robbers. The locks were evidently picked by experts and the whole job does not look to be that of amateurs. The loss was not discovered until 7 o'clock this morning. The work is so palpably that of an expert that it is attributed to the same gang that entered the postoffices at Bennington and Longford. Sheriff Hassler reported a suspicious looking person who passed the jail early this morning but other than that there is no clue.

### NEW BAPTIST MINISTER GIVES INTERESTING SERMON

Rev. A. J. Umberger, the new Baptist minister, preached his initial sermon yesterday to a large crowd. The subject was "The Church in Building" and the text was from Matt. 16:18 and 1 Tim. 3:15. He said, in part:

Some think the preacher is the main thing in the building if not the sole object. That is upon his mental or spiritual endowment are attained the success of the church. The sermon comes not along out of the preacher but out of the congregation. The preacher gives back what he receives. He is a plant depending on the atmosphere. The sermon comes not alone out



Rev. A. J. Umberger

pit; the congregation antedates the preacher. The church to many Christians has become an object to be idolized for and ceased to be an institution to be loved as we love an institution to be loved as we love our lives. Many a young man has turned his back on the ministry of late unwilling to consecrate his life to the propping up of an institution which in the judgment of men in whom he had confidence was likely to collapse. Some ministers take hold of a church as though it was a lump of putty or a stick of wood to be shaped at their will. Not true in any sense, it is a temple. He stands in the line of a long succession. It is not only the preaching of doctrines and the attacking of certain moral evils. He should have a vision. The greatest thing is the united love and friendship and bringing the power of good against evil of the locality in which the church is located. The supreme thing is not that Jesus is alive but that He lives in His church and is the head of it. It is impossible to slight the church and not slight Jesus. "Ye are no more strangers and sojourners but fellow citizens" and of the household of God, builded together for a habitation. Let us remember we are church builders, laymen and preacher. Let everything be done with the idea of building. To it and for it He gives the promise of the Holy Spirit. The shame of the church today is its stunted sympathy and indifference to strangers. There is a great difference between the church and an audience. Audience is a crowd, church is a family. Converts many, developed workers, few. Why? The social vision has for a season shaken the faith in the individualistic method. The world is the subject of redemption. This is a problem loving age. Men need individual encouragement. They are waiting for some one to say "Son of man, stand upon thy feet."

### BOY FALLS UNDER WAGON AND SERIOUSLY INJURED

Charles Wilson, eight years old, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he fell under the wheels of a wagon loaded with lumber.

In attempting to climb upon the wagon the boy slipped and the wheels passed over his body, injuring him internally. A doctor was called immediately and gave emergency treatment. The injury may prove fatal.

### TWO NEW CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Two cases were filed in district court today, that of P. H. Meehan, administrator of the estate of R. T. Meehan, deceased, vs. G. C. Harrison to collect \$100 on a note given Meehan for an automobile bought by Harrison. Harrison claims he was under legal age when he gave the note and wishes to return the car.

The other is Wyandt Mortgage & Investment company vs. A. Moman, W. Moman, G. Moman and H. Moman to collect balance due on \$30 note plus \$18.50 alleged to have been paid for taxes on mortgaged property or foreclosure said mortgage.

### CONSIDER MINOR CASES

New Case Filed Today in District Court

The jury having been discharged from further duty the court is busy settling all minor cases. The case of Kandt and Miller vs. B. F. Bush to collect damages, is being heard today. A new case, that of F. L. Garten, administrator of the estate of J. L. Garten, deceased, vs. F. Jones, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Charles Penteross and Daisy Penteross, was filed today. Garten has brought suit to quiet title to property bought from the defendants and which was to revert to the plaintiff in case payments were not made promptly. Garten alleges that \$36.19 has been long past due on the property valued at \$600 and he asks that the contract for sale of said land be annulled.


District court adjourned sine die this morning after quieting title in the case of Reed vs. Brewer.

### WITHDRAW COMPLAINT AGAINST EUGENE BALL

The complaint against Eugene Ball who was arrested for stealing a car belonging to his stepfather, John F. Quinn, has been dropped by Mr. Quinn. Ball was released from jail this morning. He got into trouble when he took his stepfather's car and drove to Salina where he was married to Miss Charlotte Shook. Ball expected to return the car but was arrested before returning to Abilene.

Senator Curtis Injured by Fall Crown Point, Ind., Oct. 3.—Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, who was on a speaking tour in Indiana for the Republicans, missed his footing in the dim light while climbing the stairs leading to the auditorium here, and fell thirty feet. He was not injured severely and suffered no broken bones, but is so badly shaken up that he must rest several days, causing the abandonment of his tour.

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